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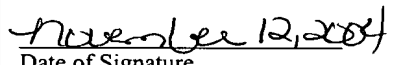
In re Application of: Paul F. Havala  
Serial No.: 10/656,702  
Filing Date: September 6, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 2661  
Title: VIRTUAL PRIVATE NETWORK (VPN) WITH  
CHANNELIZED ETHERNET OVER SONET (EOS)  
INTERFACE AND METHOD

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**REQUEST FOR STATUS**

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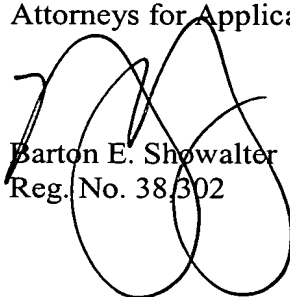
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REMARKS

Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.702(a)(1), it has been over fourteen months since the filing date of this Application and a Notification under 35 U.S.C. § 132 has not been received. Thus, a period of adjustment of patent term due to examination delay is accruing in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1).

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at the telephone number listed below.

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